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TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Membership

Representative Mark Homer



Biographical Information

Mark Homer is the State Representative for District 3, which includes the counties of Lamar, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus and Red River.

Rep. Homer was raised in Paris, Texas and graduated from Paris High School. He then went on to graduate from Texas A&M University with a degree in Animal Science.

After working for a while as a meat buyer for Safeway, Mark returned to Texas and received his MBA from Angelo State University.

In 1989, Representative Homer returned to Paris and became partners in the family business with his father Frank, who had opened the first Texas Sonic Drive-In during the early 1960's. They recently opened their 18th Sonic Drive-In with stores in Texas and Florida.

Mark is married to the former Jennifer Ray of Houston, Texas, and they are the proud parents of three children: Hanna, Harrison and Hayden. He and his family are members of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Paris - where Mark has served as a member of the Parish Council and Scripture Reader.

Representative Homer was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in November of 1998, and took office on January 12, 1999. He currently serves as a member of the Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism and Vice-chair of the Committee on Judiciary.

In addition to his Legislative committees, Rep. Homer is vice-chair of the Rural Caucus, director of the Texas Legislative Sportsman Caucus,

director of the Texas Conservative Coalition, on the board of directors for the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, and a member of the Texas Legislative Tourism Caucus.

As an active member in his hometown community, Representative Homer serves on the Board of Directors for the Red River Valley Boys & Girls Club, the Denver Pyle Children's Charities, and is a member of the Liberty National Bank Board of Directors in Paris. He was formally a mentor in the Paris Independent School District, served on the Board and as Secretary of the Lamar County A&M Scholarship Foundation, and on the Board of the Lamar County Crime Stoppers.

Recent Awards/Recognitions

2000

- Texas Association of Community Schools Distinguished Award - For Services Rendered to Students in the Community of Texas, Honorary Life Member
- Texas Rural Education Association Award - For His Support of Small Rural Schools, Communities and Children in Texas
- Region VIII Administrators and Northeast Texas School Boards Association Award - In Appreciation For His Continuing Support to Education and the School Children of Texas

2003

- Texas Board of Realtors Hall of Fame
- Texas Economic Development Council Legislator of the Year
- Texas Association of School Administrators Award - For his service to the School Children of Texas by
- Texans for Lawsuit Reform Lone Star Award

2004

- Marvin Gibbs Award - In Recognition of His Outstanding Accomplishments as a Leader in the Economic Growth of Northeast Texas

2005

- Career and Technology Education Award
- Honorary Member of Texas Rural Education - For His Many Contributions to Rural Education in Texas
- Paris Junior College Distinguished Alumnus Award

2006

- Became a Paul Harris Fellow
- Recipient of the Texas Rural Education Association Award for His Support of Small Rural Schools, Communities and Children in Texas
- Honored by the Association of Texas Professional Educators with the ATPE Freedom to Teach Award

2007

- Received the Texas State Teachers Association 2007 Frank J. Tejada Award in recognition of his significant contributions in the field of education in Texas on behalf of public school children and educational employees

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